

**Dr. Angel Adams Parham**



Dr. Parham is associate professor of sociology and the director of the Social Justice Scholars program. Her research focus is on race, immigration and inequality. The courses she teaches include: Social Problems; Race, Racism and Privilege; Global Sociology; and African Diaspora Communities and Cultures. She has a strong interest in bringing together the resources of the university with people and organizations in the New Orleans community and beyond. She is the co-founder and executive director of Nyansa Classical Community, a faith-based education program which works for the educational enrichment and improved life chances of children from low-income African-American neighborhoods in New Orleans. She is also a board member of Vision of Hope Ministries which engages in community development in northern Haiti. She is the author of numerous articles and of the book *American Routes: Racial Palimpsests and the Transformation of Race* (Oxford University Press, March 2017).

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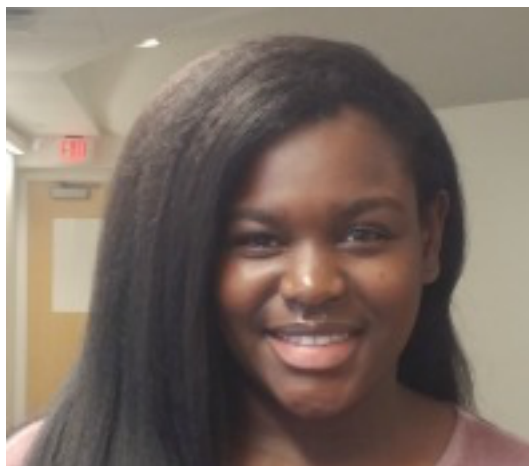
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### **Katya Agamy**



Katya is currently a pre-health psychology major and sociology minor. Growing up, she spent much of her time volunteering at her local homeless shelter in Connecticut, so it was no surprise that she wanted to continue her service work here in New Orleans. She has worked on film projects for Nyansa Classical Community, volunteered in garden builds with Greenlight New Orleans, and attended the Creating Change Conference in Philadelphia so far in her first year as a Social Justice Scholar. She hopes to continue her work throughout her undergraduate career and beyond, finding and meeting different kinds of people, and eventually piloting her own social justice project.

### **Shelsy Cacho**



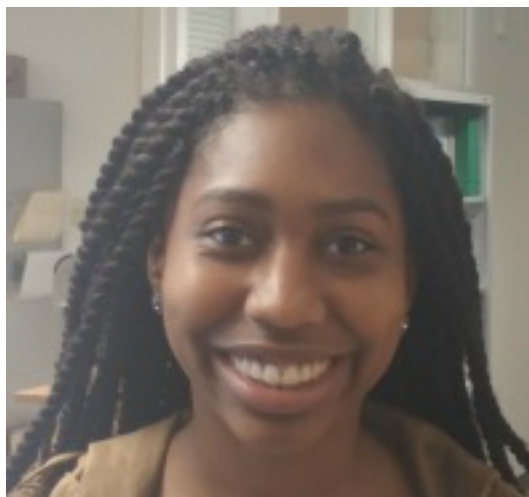
Shelsy F. Cacho is a first generation college student from a family of Honduran immigrants. She is majoring in sociology and minoring in medieval studies. She enjoys working with children in her work with the community and is passionate about her studies, her family, and the environment. She is an advocate for veganism and social justice service. Ms. Cacho is a dedicated sophomore student with a bright future.

### **Nora Corrigan**



Nora Corrigan is a sophomore member of SJS from Seattle, Washington. She is majoring in sociology and political science. So far she has volunteered at Second Harvest, Playworks, and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Nora has various interests regarding social justice and hopes to pursue a career in social work.

### **Diarra English**



Diarra is currently a sophomore at Loyola. She comes to us from Cambridge, Massachusetts and is an English writing major with a minor in sociology. During her time in the SJS program, she has volunteered at STAIR (Start the Adventure in Reading) and the St. Stephen's School. She wants to impact the literacy rate of children because reading is the backbone of education. In New Orleans she has been amazed at the vibrant communities and personalities despite hardships. Through the SJS program she hopes to encourage young minds to persevere and strive for their goals.

### **Julia Gollobit**



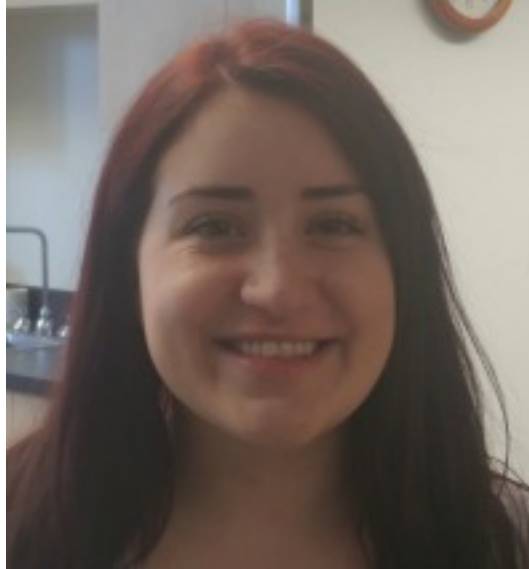
Julia is a first year student from Omaha, Nebraska and she is planning to major in Food Policy, Commerce and Culture when the new program begins in the fall of 2017. She will couple this with her minor in sociology. She has worked with STAIR (Start the Adventure in Reading), a tutoring program for second graders, and Edible Schoolyard, a cooking and gardening program that works in schools. Her interest is in food justice, with a particular focus on community gardens and food access.

### **Tess Green**



Tess Green is a marketing major and sociology minor here at Loyola. Through Social Justice Scholars she is currently working with Uptown Shepherd Senior Center and the Work Place Justice Project, a low-wage workers' rights organization. The time Tess has spent serving senior citizens and assisting the Workplace Justice Project has helped her to better understand social inequities and realize the actions needed to address them. Social Justice Scholars has provided Tess a platform to share her service experiences with other passionate individuals. Over her next couple of years at Loyola, Tess hopes to continue her work with USP and WJP.

### **Arthena Merida**



Athena is a sociology major with a concentration in social justice and inequalities. She is also a political science double major. She is currently involved with Nyansa Classical Community where she works with children from a low income neighborhood. In the past with Social Justice Scholars, she worked with the New Orleans Family Justice Center where she got involved with educating college students about domestic violence awareness. She has also worked at the Uptown Shepherd's Senior Center. She is passionate about helping others and being the voice for the voiceless. Social Justice Scholars has given her the opportunity to get involved in the New Orleans area and has helped her to find the real meaning of social justice.

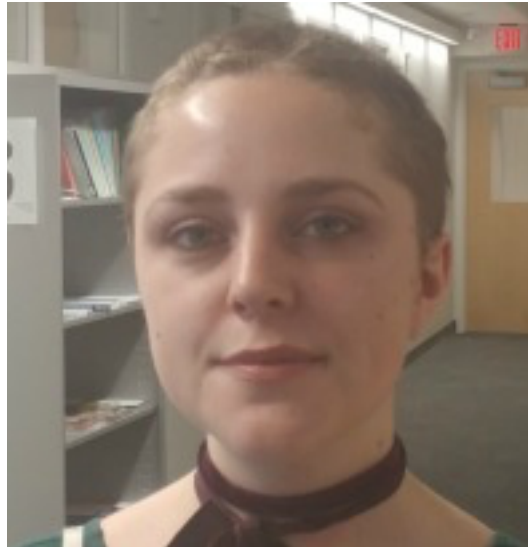
### **Robert Mipro**



Robert Mipro is a biology major with a minor in sociology. He tutors at STAIR (Start the Adventure in Reading) and Nyansa Classical Community—program dedicated to improving the lives of children from lower socio-economic backgrounds. At STAIR he improves the literacy of

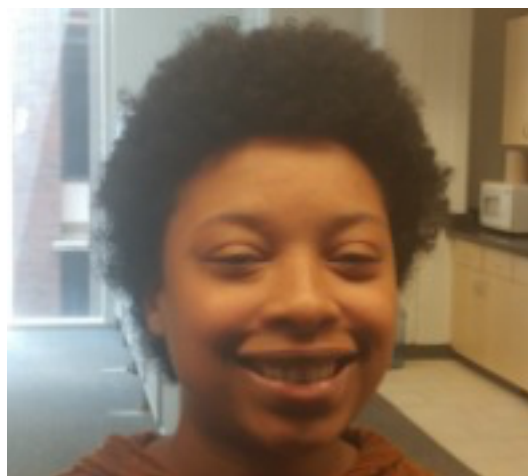
children through reading exercises. At Nyansa he assists children with their homework and organizes positive outdoor activities. The Social Justice Scholars program is an excellent way to get involved in the community and interact with different people. The program seeks to assist individuals left behind in the New Orleans Community

### **Zap Pincetl**



Zap Pincetl is from Oakland, California and is a sophomore studying popular and commercial music with a sociology minor. She is interested in education reform and childhood support programs. Being a part of the SJS program has allowed her to meet like-minded students to discuss how to create real change in the community.

### **Taiyiana Robinson**



Taiyiana is a junior sociology major with an interest in disability justice, women's rights, and birthing/motherhood issues. She is originally from New Orleans. She has worked with various

organizations to help mentor and tutor elementary school aged students in reading and writing. She hopes to become a doula and go to graduate school.

### **Alex Williams**



Alex Williams is currently a freshman in the Social Justice program at Loyola. She has learned so much at Loyola since coming and thanks to the Social Justice Scholars she has gotten to volunteer and have discussions with a group of amazing students who are so passionate and truly exemplify Loyola's mission to be a student for and with others. She is excited to see what the group will do in the next four years and beyond!